SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: The Minister may kindly look into this because some of us were of the conviction that we should never allow this carry-forward rule. That is why I was very keen about it.

SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH: Shiv Shankerji must be remembering it. Well, it is in his knowledge. So I don't have to inform him. I did one thing which worked effectively. In U.P., what I have done is that in Government service there is no question of carry-forward. If in an interview there are no candidates of adequate qualifications, I said that within six months there should be another interview only for SC and ST candidates and the posts be filled. That was very effective. Therefore, a fresh backlog was not created, though for the past backlog you had to take extra measures. I do not say: Ditto, I can copy it here. But we are well aware to take measures so that such a backlog is not created.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Allotment of rice to Karnataka

*64. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:
SHRI VITHALRAO
MADHAVRAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the quota of rice released to Karnataka during 1988-89, 1989-90. 1990-91 monthwise;

(b) whether the quota has been reduced in the recent months; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) A statement giving the information is laid on the table of the House. *(See* below)

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

(a) Allotment of rice to Karnataka under P.D.S. during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91, monthwise, was as follows:—

(In '000 tonnes)

MONTH	1988-8	9 1989-	1990-91
April	55.0	00 40.0	50.0
May	55.0	40.0	50.0
June	45.0	40.0	50.0
July	45.0	40.0	50.0
August	45.0	40.0	50.0
Septembe	45.0	40.0	
October	50.0	40.0	
November	50.0	60.0	
December	50.0	40.0	
January	50.0	50.0	
February	40.0	50.0	
March	40.0	50.0	

Capart funds for Herbal Medicine Projects

65. SHRI **B.K.** HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Council for Advancement of Peoples Action for Rural Technology (CAPART) is doing out huge funds to various voluntary organisations to start herbal medicine projects; if so, the details thereof indicating the amount distributed during the last three years;

(b) whether any criteria have .been laid down for such funding and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any effective mechanism for monitoring and evaluation of such projects; and

(d) if so, whether the funds are released after evaluation and scrutiny by

the competent specialists in the field?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) CAPART has sanctioned four projects on herbal medicine. The objectives of the projects are; setting up of Central Medicinal Garden for growing Ayurvedic plants, training of village women to utilise Herbs and to establish a regular dialogue with the local traditional health practitioners by organising training camps etc. so that the use of herbal medicine could be propagated. The amount released during the last three years is approximately Rs. 42 lakh.

(b) Agencies having expertise, experience and infrastructure for carrying out research are provided financial assistance for propagating herbal medicine.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The project holders are required to submit six monthly progress reports and the funds are released only if the progress is found satisfactory. The projects are also monitored by 'sending experts and accounting monitors to the project areas.

Miraj-Bangalore Broad Gauge Conversion Project

•66. SHRI J.P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the Asian Development Bank has evinced interest in financing the foreign exchange component of the Konkan Railway Line; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider the financing of Miraj-Bangalore Broad Gauge conversion project on the same basis as that of Konkan Railway project with the improvement in resource position?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Supply of additional edible oils to Gujarat

*67. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: WM1 the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Gujarat have demanded the supply of more edible oils;

(b) if so, what was the month-wise demand of the state for edible oils for the last six months;

(c) what was the month-wise quantity of edible oils supplied to Gujarat during the last six months; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to bring down the prices of edible oils which have already reached sky-high?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The demand of the state Government, allocation made to the State lifting of edible oil by the State during the last six months was as under:-

(Qty. in MTs)

Months	Demand	Allocation	Lifting
February 90	16500	1600	84
March, 90	15000	2600	3168
April, 90	10000	4600	4938
May, 90	16000	6550	6225
June, 90	16500	8000	5437
July, 90	16500	9500	7500

(d) The overall allocation of edible oil for PDS has been increased to 85,000 MTs in August, 1990 from 40000 MTs in April, 1990. This increase in allocation is likely to continue for a couple of months to cope with the enhanced requirement of the festival months. This increase in